

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, fighting fires is one of the most hazardous professions, requiring extensive training, strength and endurance, courage, and a selfless concern for the welfare of our residents; and

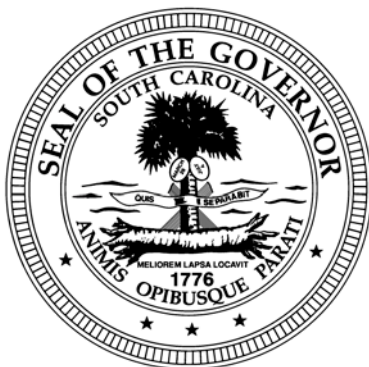
WHEREAS, in addition to their daily service to our communities, firefighters throughout the Palmetto State and across the nation have partnered with the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) for fifty-one years in the fight against neuromuscular diseases, raising more than \$20 million during the past year; and

WHEREAS, this year, South Carolina firefighters will hold their "Fill the Boot" drive to help MDA August 24 to 26, collecting funds to assist in providing medical services at local clinics, durable equipment, summer camps, research grants, support groups, and public education seminars for children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 2005 as

FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize and honor our firefighters for their efforts to keep our residents safe and to help raise awareness of neuromuscular diseases.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA